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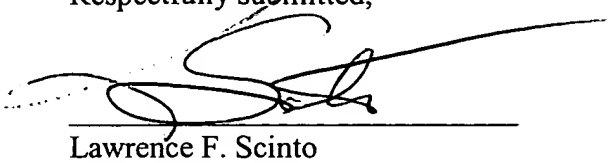

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

The paragraph located at page 4, lines 22-30, has been amended as follows:

--A further embodiment involves a three-layer strip, in which both of the outside layers are of [an]a water soluble or a combination of soluble and non-soluble material of a first color and the center layer is of a non-water soluble material of a second color. Such a tri-layered strip would allow the strip to be attached to the razor cartridge during manufacture without concern for the orientation of the top and the bottom of the strip. A tri-layered strip would be particularly useful when the strip is manufactured by the process of extrusion.--

The paragraph located at page 6, lines 16-27, has been amended as follows:

--Figure 2 illustrates one embodiment of the shaving aid of the present invention. A water soluble coloring agent 20 of a first color and a non-water soluble coloring agent 21 of a second color are located in the shaving aid strip 11, along with thermoplastic material 23 and a shaving aid material

22. Initially, when both coloring agents 20, 21 are present, the shaving aid strip 11 is a third color which is a combination of the colors of the two coloring agents. In a preferred embodiment, the solubility of the water soluble coloring agent is in accordance with the solubility of the shaving aid material so that the water soluble coloring agent leaches from the shaving aid at a similar rate due to exposure to water during usage as that of the shaving aid material.--

The paragraph starting at page 6, line 29, and ending at page 7, line 2, has been amended as follows:

--During shaving, the shaving aid comes into contact with water and the water soluble coloring agent 20, along with the shaving aid material 22, leaches from the shaving aid strip 11. As the water soluble coloring agent 20 leaches from the shaving aid, the color of the shaving aid changes from the third color to the second color, i.e., the color of the non-water soluble coloring agent 21. When the shaving aid changes to the second color the user receives an automatic visual signal that the shaving aid of the razor head is depleted.--

The paragraphs located at page 7, lines 4-27, have been amended as follows:

--Common types of coloring agents which may be used are dyes, which are organic-based compounds, and pigments, which are either organic or inorganic. Typical inorganic pigments include titanium dioxide, zinc sulfide, iron oxides, chromates, cadmiums, chromium oxides, ultramarines, mixed metal oxides and carbon black. Common organic pigments include quinacridones, disazos and [disazos]disazo condensates, monazo, monazos, naphthols, perylenes, benzimideazalones, isoindolinones, diarylides, quinophthalones, phthalocyanines, quinacridones, dioxazines, thioindigos, and tetrachloroisoiridolinones and combinations thereof.

Common dyes which may be employed as the coloring agents include azos, perinones, quinolines, xantheren, azine and anthroquinones. The coloring agents, whether dyes or pigments, may be used in the form of a precolor, dry color, liquid color, or color concentrate. Specialty colorants, including pearlescent, metallic and fluorescent may be used separately or in addition to other coloring agents. In addition, other colorants of Food, Drug & Cosmetic or Drug & Cosmetic grade, such as nitro, azo,

[triphenymethane]triphenylmethane, xanthene, [quinnoline]quinoline, anthraquinone, indigoid, and pyrene classes of colorants, may be employed. The color of any of the coloring agents may be enhanced through the addition of certain color enhancing materials such as titanium oxide.--

The paragraph located at page 8, lines 17-33, has been amended as follows:

--Figure 3 illustrates a cross-section of a further embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the shaving aid strip 11 comprises two distinct layers. A lower layer 31 of thermoplastic material of a first color is mounted in a [non-skin engaging]non-skin-engaging position adjacent to the razor head and is non-water soluble. A water soluble or partially soluble upper layer 30 containing a water soluble coloring agent 32 of a second color is mounted in a skin-engaging position adjacent to the lower layer. The upper layer contains the shaving aid material [21]22. Thus, the shaving aid appears to the user as the second color prior to use and for a certain period of usage. Upon exposure to moisture during usage, the upper layer 30 deteriorates and uncovers the lower layer 31. Accordingly, the color of the shaving aid visible to the user changes from the second color of the

upper layer to the first color of the lower layer or a discernible intermediate color and the user is thereby notified of the need to replace the razor head.--

The paragraph starting at page 8, line 35, and ending at page 9, line 11, has been amended as follows:

--Figure 4 illustrates a cross section of a further preferred embodiment of the present invention which comprises a shaving aid having three distinct layers. Two water soluble or partially soluble outer layers 40, 41 of a first color consisting of water soluble coloring agent 44 and shaving aid material [21]22 coat a center layer 42 of a second color consisting of a non-water soluble thermoplastic material. The shaving aid strip 11 is mounted on the razor head with either outer layer adjacent to the razor head. According to this embodiment, both outer layers contain shaving aid material, and consequently the shaving aid may be mounted without concern for orienting the skin-engaging side so that it is in the correct position.--

The paragraph located at page 9, lines 13-28, has been amended as follows:

--Figure 5 illustrates a still further and most preferred embodiment of the present invention. Water soluble or partially soluble coating 60 is disposed upon a section of the surface of shaving aid material [21]22. Coating 60 wears off of the shaving aid material through solubility, abrasion or a combination thereof. The disappearance of the coating is a signal to the consumer that the shaving aid strip should be replaced. Coating 60 comprises materials which are able to, at least initially, withstand the conditions, such as heat and humidity, which are encountered during shaving. Coating 60 may also consist of more than one layer, such that one or more layers wear off during usage and either a lower layer or the shaving aid material is ultimately exposed. Various materials which may be employed as a coasting which would withstand those conditions include shellacs, glazes, paints, rosins, resins, sealants, gums, lacquers or combinations thereof.--

The paragraph starting at page 9, line 30, and ending at page 10, line 1, has been amended as follows:

--While the coating illustrated in Figure 5 is a single stripe in the middle of the shaving aid material 22, a plurality of sections of the shaving aid may be coated and the coating or coatings may comprise any desired shape or configuration. For example, multiple or single stripes, multiple or single spots, or multiple or single geometric shapes are all configurations which may be employed within the scope of the invention.--

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES TO CLAIM 3

3. (amended) A shaving aid for a razor, comprising a [thermoplastic ]shaving aid <u>strip containing a</u> shaving aid material and means for indicating a change in the amount of said shaving aid material, said means for indicating a change in the amount of shaving aid material comprising a coating disposed on or in less than the whole of a top surface of the shaving aid [material]<u>strip</u> so as to define one or more sections of coating that are differently colored than the shaving aid [material]<u>strip</u>, said coating including at least one coloring agent, said shaving aid material and said coating being depletable by solubility, abrasion or a combination thereof to provide a signal that the shaving aid strip should be replaced, irrespective of blade wear on said razor.